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Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

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Annotations

1. Election of officers

At its twenty-fifth session, the Committee for Programme and Coordination reaffirmed the decision made at its twenty-fourth session that the post of its Chairman, as well as the other posts on the Bureau, should rotate annually among the regional groups in the following pattern of rotation: (a) Group of African States; (b) Group of Eastern European States; (c) Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; (d) Group of Western European and Other States; and (e) Group of Asian States.

At its forty-seventh session, the Committee may wish to elect the Chairman from the Group of Western European and Other States in accordance with the agreed pattern of rotation for the post of Chairman, and the Rapporteur from the regional group that occupied the post of Chairman the previous year, namely, the Latin American and Caribbean States.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Pursuant to paragraph 2 (e) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/41 and paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 34/50, the Committee submitted to the Council and the Assembly for their review the provisional agenda for its forty-seventh session, together with the list of documentation requested.

In accordance with paragraph 6 of the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 59/267, the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit concerning the economic, social and human rights programmes of the United Nations system, including the reports dealing with the United Nations Development Programme, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, shall be examined by the Committee, which shall report thereon to the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly. In that connection, the Committee will select, at its organizational meeting, under agenda item 2, the report or reports of the Joint Inspection Unit that will be considered by the Committee at its forty-seventh session under agenda item 6.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 53/207 and 54/236 and decision 54/474 on the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, attention is drawn to Secretary-General's bulletin ST/SGB/2000/8, containing the approved Regulations and Rules.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the status of preparedness of documentation for the session (E/AC.51/2007/L.1)

Note by the Secretariat containing a list of reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (E/AC.51/2007/L.2)

3. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

In its resolution 54/236, the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee on this item contained in its report on the work of its thirty-ninth session,[1] namely: (a) that the agenda item entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations" be retained on the agenda of the Assembly; and (b) that a progress report on the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations be submitted biennially to the Assembly through the appropriate intergovernmental bodies.

In its resolution 60/257, the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee contained in paragraphs 36-39 of its report on the work of its forty-fifth session.[2] The Committee had taken note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the progress and impact assessment of management improvement measures (A/60/70), encouraged the Secretary-General to develop further an approach conducive to a genuine improvement of United Nations management, taking due account of the Organization's realities and needs, and requested the Department of Management, together with all relevant departments and offices, to continue efforts in that regard.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress and impact assessment of managerial improvement measures (A/62/_)

4. Programme questions

(a) Programme planning

In its resolution 58/269, the General Assembly decided to review, with a view to taking a final decision at its sixty-second session, the format, content and duration of the strategic framework, including the necessity of maintaining part one, and requested the Secretary-General to submit a report, through the Committee, reviewing the experiences gained with the changes made in the planning and budgeting process.

In paragraph 7 of its resolution 60/257, the General Assembly invited the Committee at its forty-seventh session, in the light of the recommendations contained in paragraphs 118-120 and 122 of its report,[2] to provide further comments on various aspects of the review process as referred to in paragraphs 12 and 13 of resolution 58/269 to facilitate the decision of the Assembly at its sixty-second session.

Documentation

Report on the review of the Secretary-General on the experiences gained with the changes made in the planning and budgetary process (A/62/_)

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/54/16).

[2] Ibid., *Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 16* and corrigendum (A/60/16 and Corr.1).

(b) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

In its resolution 58/269, the General Assembly affirmed that the strategic framework should constitute the principal policy directive of the United Nations and serve as the basis for programme planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation and requested the Secretary-General to include in the introduction of the budget fascicles information on the new and/or revised mandates approved by the Assembly subsequent to the adoption of the biennial programme plan. The Assembly requested the Committee, in performing its programmatic role in the planning and budgeting process, to review the programmatic aspects of the new and/or revised mandates, as well as any differences that arose between the biennial programme plan and the programmatic aspects of the proposed programme budget.

In its resolution 61/235, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to prepare the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 on the basis of the priorities set out in paragraph 5 of the resolution and the biennial programme plan as adopted in the resolution.

Documentation

Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/__)

(c) Evaluation

(i) In-depth evaluation

In its resolution 61/235, the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee contained in chapter II, section C, of its report on the work of its forty-sixth session.[3] The Committee had welcomed the findings of the in-depth evaluation of the Department of Political Affairs (E/AC.51/2006/4), encouraged the Office of Internal Oversight Services to continue its evaluation of the remaining subprogrammes of the Department, to be submitted at its next session, and endorsed the 10 recommendations contained in paragraphs 74-83 of the report.

Documentation

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the in-depth evaluation of political affairs (E/AC.51/2007/2 and Add.1-4)

(ii) Triennial review

At its forty-seventh session, the Committee will undertake a triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee at its forty-fourth session on the in-depth evaluation of the programme of public administration finance and development.

Documentation

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and

[3] Ibid., *Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 16* and corrigendum (A/61/16 and Corr.1).

Coordination at its forty-fourth session on the evaluation of the programme of public administration finance and development (E/AC.51/2007/3)

5. Coordination questions

(a) Report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination

In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX), the Committee will have before it the annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) for 2006/07.

In its resolution 61/235, the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee regarding the annual overview report of CEB for 2005/06 (E/2006/66) contained in chapter III, section A, of its report on the work of its forty-sixth session.[3] The Assembly invited the Economic and Social Council to utilize the relevant conclusions and recommendations of the Committee when considering related reports of CEB.

Documentation

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2006-2007 (E/2007/_)

(b) New Partnership for Africa's Development

In its resolution 61/235, the Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), contained in chapter III, section B, of its report.[3] The Committee had welcomed the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations system support for NEPAD (E/AC.51/2006/6).

The Committee had also endorsed the recommendations contained in paragraphs 79-81 of the report of the Secretary-General and had urged the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa to take note of the reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services in respect of knowledge-sharing and to participate in the follow-up processes. It had also recommended that the Assembly request the Secretary-General to continue to strengthen the Office of the Special Adviser in order to accelerate the implementation of NEPAD and to request the office of the Special Adviser to provide leadership and coordinated support to African countries, the Economic Commission for Africa and the African Union.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (E/AC.51/2007/4)

6. Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit

The Committee will consider the report or reports of the Joint Inspection Unit selected by the Committee during its organizational meeting.

In accordance with paragraph 6 of the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX), the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit concerning the economic, social and human rights programmes of the United Nations system, including the reports dealing with the United Nations Development Programme, the

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, shall be examined by the Committee for Programme and Coordination, which shall report thereon to the Council and to the General Assembly.

In its resolution 59/267, the General Assembly reaffirmed paragraph 2 of article 11 of the statute of the Unit and invited the Committee, in performing its programmatic, coordination, monitoring and evaluation functions, as contained in its mandate, to consider relevant reports of the Joint Inspection Unit. The Assembly further requested that the Unit, as a whole, take responsibility in the exercise of its collective wisdom with regard to all its reports, notes and recommendations in order to improve the effectiveness of the Unit. The Assembly decided that the Unit should perform its functions and responsibilities strictly in accordance with the provisions of its statute. Furthermore, the Assembly decided that the programme of work of the Unit should be collectively approved, providing the rationale for choice as well as the relevance of the envisaged outcome to improving management and methods and promoting greater coordination between organizations.

Documentation

Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit

Note by the Secretariat on the report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit (E/AC.51/2007/L.2)

7. Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination within the framework of its mandate

The Committee has been considering the item "Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination within the framework of its mandate" annually since its thirty-eighth session. The General Assembly, in its resolution 61/235, 60/257, 59/275 and 58/269, invited the Committee to continue its discussions on improving its working methods.

At its forty-sixth session, following discussions of this item, the Chairman of the Committee presented an informal paper, which enjoyed the broad agreement and support of the Committee. The text of the paper was included in the report of the Committee on its forty-sixth session under this item.[3] In its resolution 61/235, the Assembly recognized the efforts of the Committee during its forty-sixth session to improve its working methods and procedures and invited it to continue its consideration of the item.

8. Provisional agenda for the forty-eighth session

Pursuant to paragraph 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII), the Committee will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its forty-eighth session, with an indication of the documents to be submitted under each agenda item and the legislative authority for their preparation, in order to enable the Committee to consider those documents from the point of view of their contribution to the work of the Committee, their urgency and their relevance in the light of the current situation.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-eighth session of the Committee (E/AC.51/2007/L.3)

9. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its forty-seventh session

The report of the Committee on its forty-seventh session will be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2007 and to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session.

Documentation

Draft report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its forty-seventh session (E/AC.51/2007/L.4 and Add.1-__)

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its forty-seventh session (A/62/16)

Annex

Members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for 2007[a]

Member	*Term expires on 31 December*
Algeria	2007
Argentina	2008
Armenia	2008
Belarus	2008
Benin	2008
Brazil	2008
Bulgaria	2008
Central African Republic	2008
China	2007
Comoros	2009
Cuba	2008
France	2009
Ghana	2007
Haiti	2009
India	2008
Indonesia	2008
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2008
Israel	2009
Italy	2008
Jamaica	2007
Japan	2007
Kenya	2007
Pakistan	2008
Portugal	2008
Republic of Korea	2007
Russian Federation	2009
Senegal	2008
South Africa	2008
Switzerland	2008
Uruguay	2008
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	2009
Zimbabwe	2009

[a] Two seats from the Group of Western European and Other States remain to be filled.